

Two penalty goals sealed Wycombe's fate at Kingston

Sports Mail Special Report

KINGSTONIAN ... 4 : WYCOMBE WAND 2

TWO penalties conceded by Roystone enabled Kingstonian to score the vital goals for a 4-2 win over Wycombe Wanderers in their Isthmian League game at Kingston today.

Kingstonian: Wakefield, Cince, Finn, James, Roberts, Haider, Field, Montague, Coates, McCormack, Warnes.

Wycombe Wanderers: Bunting, Beck, Lewis, Gale, Roystone, Baker, Worley, Horseman, Lowen, French, Hodges.

Referee: R. J. Byatt (Ilford).

Kingston were the first to look dangerous, and Montague soon tested Bunting, but generally the early play was relaxed and quiet.

After 12 minutes the tempo rose and, following a fine move, left-winger **WARNES** shot home an angled drive to give Kingston the lead.

McCormack almost increased this from the kick-off when his shot beat Bunting, but scraped past the post.

Wycombe hit back to force two corners, but their shooting was off target.

Kingstonian's 4-2-4 blanket-type defence allowed Wycombe plenty of midfield play, but their attack broke down when they reached the home side's penalty area, while the home forwards looked always menacing.

Man carried off

Wycombe did have a good chance after 25 minutes, when Roystone put Lowen through, but Roberts just blocked his shot.

Kingston shot back and, in one of their attacks, Bunting was laid out. After a hold-up the goalkeeper was taken off, and Horseman took over.

He was soon in action pushing a shot round the post and seeing another scrape by. Then Warnes brought him to his knees with a rasping drive.

After ten minutes Bunting returned and took his place in goal to the cheers of the crowd. This signalled a Wycombe rally, and Lowen and Horseman saw shots narrowly fail.

Then almost on time a mistake in the Kingstonians' defence gave **LOWEN** the chance to crack home the equaliser.

Half-time: Kingstonian 1, Wycombe Wanderers 1.

Kingstonian attacked fiercely at the start of the second half, and **McCormack** should have scored, but shot straight at Bunting.

After Roystone gave away a penalty kick for pushing, **McCORMACK** put Kingstonian back in the lead from the spot after 54 minutes.

Seventeen minutes from time, the unhappy Roystone gave away a second penalty kick after a foul on Field and **McCORMACK** scored again.

Ten minutes from time Wycombe increased their pace and, from Worley's free kick, **HORSEMAN** headed in.

Kingstonian hit back and three minutes from time **FIELD** headed home a final goal.

RESULT:

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WYCOMBE ON THE SPOT

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WITH so many players wandering around in an end-of-season trance it was surprising that this Isthmian League game at Kingston produced six goals.

Two of Kingstonian's four came from the penalty spot when **McCormack** scored in the 53rd and 73rd minutes after fouls by Wycombe centre half Roystone.

This turned the game in Kingstonian's favour after honours had been even in a drab first half.

Rogers Warnes making his home debut for Kingstonian's senior team since joining the club from Tooting and Mitcham scored his side's first goal in the 12th minute.

The two sides had few constructive ideas and Wycombe's international wingers Hodges and Worley were seldom in the game but Lowen put them on level terms a minute before half-time.

Then came McCormack's two goals and although Horseman headed a second goal for Wycombe, Field scored Kingstonian's fourth goal three minutes from time.